

ed in these columns last
of the striking miners
m Springfield had gone
ons to look after their
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is incorrect, inasmuch
as going to the western
had made a stop, turn-
ing a point last even-
ing East Marietta street,
ward where they camp-
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or on freight trains
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le from the old shaft.
rs bothered the miners
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ter to understand when
ed along on West Wood
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nding to swing the strik-
so that they could be
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nd some of the Decatur
gherty's hall. Captain
gone to Riverton to get
pers to organize a Union
rs had returned to the
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it was for the purpose of
mination. About 40 De-
their names as charter
union, and now there is a
of the members at work.
vements of the strikers
as the days go by. In
the faithful Decatur min-
work, paying no attention
and the company will take
rtly here and at Natick.
that the strikers who re-
turn will be provided with
The result of the Debs
Louis on August 30 may
on the course of the strik-
advice of Neil see it to re-
re.

are Getting Scarce.

ive information this after-
more than a dozen alleged
are in the camp at the
letta street, and that but
are now in the city. A
ringfield men left for their
y and more walked to Har-
they said they would get
s and beat their way back.
ent to Moawega. It is
tween of the party got on
early this morning and
ngfield. It is the opinion
that most of the men now
who have been camping
ra, and would not work if
has a day. They are con-
posed to the use of the
henever they hear it spok-
have a fit. It is not be-
y many of the visitors will
after tonight. The police
ation to apply the vagrancy
strangers found loitering
after tomorrow.

Miners Resume Work.

Ill., Aug. 24.—The mine
operation Monday, after a
over five weeks on account
s striking. Manager Shum-
notion at the coal mine Sat-
fect that all the strikers de-
n to work at the old scale
ld apply to him. As a re-
e half of the 250 old em-
out 100 others filed their ap-
work. As only about 50
at present, those were as-
mong the old miners and put
rest who applied will be
se in a few days. It is not
e the other striking miners
ad advantage of Saturday's
allowed to resume work,
stre to do so, but it is more
at they will not.

ral of Miss Krieger.

of the late Miss Bortha
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
was held this afternoon at 3
St. Johannes' German Lu-
th. The services were con-
t. Hayne and the burial was
cemetery.

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SPANISH SHIP TAKEN

Cubans Fire Upon the Vessel
Stranded on the Bar by a
Friendly Pilot.

STORES AND AMMUNITION SECURED.

Gen. Garcia Having His Own Way in
the East—Gen. Molina's Friends
Charge Cowardice Up-
on Weyler.

Havana, Aug. 25.—A Spanish coast
vessel was decoyed to land just above
Manzanillo recently, and when she was
within range a Cuban battery opened on
her. The vessel attempted to move out,
but struck on a sand bar. The Cuban
battery was very poorly manned. Sev-
eral boats were launched and an attempt
was made by the insurgents to board the
vessel, but they were repulsed, two of the
boats being sunk and their crews drowned.
After hard work the vessel floated off and
got out of reach, but she was in an almost
sinking condition, as the last shots from
the battery had pierced her hull. She was
taken back to Manzanillo for repairs.

A schooner laden with supplies was cap-
tured by the insurgents 15 miles east of
Trinidad last week. The pilot on the
schooner was a Cuban, and he purposely
allowed the vessel to ground near shore.
The Cubans brought down a field piece
and bombarded the ship until the Spanish
captain surrendered. The vessel was
without arms and could make no defense.
The Cubans secured a considerable supply
of ammunition and a quantity of clothing
and a large amount of medical stores,
which had been destined for a Spanish
camp down the coast. The boat was
burned. A large force was sent from
Trinidad in pursuit of the Cubans, but
they got their plunder into the interior in
safety.

Word from the east shows that Garcia
is still pushing ahead and doing a great
deal to pen up the Spaniards in several of
the large towns there. No further details
have been received regarding his last fight,
but the indications are, judging from pri-
vate news from the palace, that a great
deal of damage has been inflicted by the
Cuban forces. It is well known that
Garcia has things pretty much his own
way.

Jiguana is little more than a heap of
ruins, as the Cubans have burned a large
portion of the place. The Spanish garri-
son is still there, but they are so tightly
besieged that they do not venture out ex-
cept in force, and only then for forage.
Between there and Layamo, Manzanillo,
and the River Cauto, the insurgents roam
at will, cutting off the government trains
and inflicting a great deal of damage to
the Spanish interests.

General Molina's friends in Havana are
creating a feeling against Weyler, stating
that the captain general in a cowardly
manner left Molina at a time when he
needed aid, and that he, the captain gen-
eral, who should have remained to ani-
mate the troops, fled in the most cowardly
way to Havana. Nearly all of the Havana
papers show ill disguised hatred of Wey-
ler, although they dare not come out
openly, or give any cause to be suppressed.

The case of Senorita Cisneros is at-
tracting a great deal of attention here, the
Spanish papers denouncing the efforts
that are being made in the United States
in her behalf. They say it is all senti-
mentalism, "gotten up by a few senti-
mental, sick, women and some of the
jingo statesmen," and they claim that
Lee is aiding the sentiment by pretending
to be interested in her behalf to an "extra-
ordinary degree."

BLANCO TO SUCCEED WEYLER.

Campos to Remain in Spain to Support the
Monarchy.

Madrid, Aug. 25.—In political circles it
is reported that General Martinez Campos
or General Ramon Blanco will take the
place of General Weyler in Cuba in the
event that the government finds itself
obliged by pressure of public opinion to
recall Weyler.

General Martinez Campos is, neverthe-
less, more disposed to remain in Spain, in
order to aid the monarchy in case of any
attempts on the throne by the Carlists or
Republicans. General Blanco, therefore,
is the greater probability as the next cap-
tain general of Cuba.

Among the Liberals, it is said that the
well known politician, Senor Canalejas,
is working to obtain from Senor Sagasta,
should the latter come into power in Oc-
tober, the office of civil governor of the
island.

Fatal Accident to a Wheelman.
Clinton, Ill., Aug. 25.—William Harri-
son De Bole, a boy of 14, while riding at
full speed on his wheel at 9 o'clock Mon-

day night, dashed into a team of horses
with great force, the tongue of the car-
riage splitting his windpipe. He lingered
in great agony, dying at 6:30 o'clock
Tuesday morning.

TRAINMEN REFUSE TO STRIKE.

Sympathetic Movement to Aid the Miners
Is Not Probable.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 25.—For the
last three days a number of striking
trainmen have been in consultation with the
various employees of the railroads centering
here and arguments have been advanced
in support of a general strike of all the
labor organizations in aid of the miners.

The men who have sought conferences
with the engineers, firemen and switch-
men are supposed to have been delegated
for that purpose, but they have so far re-
ceived cold comfort from the railroad em-
ployees, who are outspoken in their oppo-
sition to a sympathetic strike. They say
that they have no grievances of their own,
and, while they are prohibited from strik-
ing by contracts with their employers,
which have yet more than one year to run.

They also say that the railroads have
been passing through a trying season,
and it would be ungrateful to strike now
when prosperity is rapidly returning to
the country and their employers have the
opportunity of making a profit from the
heavy freight and passenger traffic. It is
said that not one of the trainmen of any
road centering here favors a strike.

A. W. FABER FINED \$30,000.

United States Exacts a Heavy Penalty of
the German Lead Pencil Maker.

New York, Aug. 25.—One of the heav-
iest penalties ever exacted from a com-
mercial house by Uncle Sam for violation of
the tariff laws has been imposed upon the
firm of A. W. Faber, the lead pencil
manufacturer, whose works are in Ger-
many and whose local offices are at 78
Reade street.

For 20 years the firm has been import-
ing goods at the same valuation. Re-
cently the treasury agents began an in-
vestigation which resulted in the decision
that for 20 years A. W. Faber's pencils
had been coming into this country at
prices much lower than the real value.
The firm was accordingly fined \$30,000.
The greater part of this sum was paid into
the treasury last week.

ENGLISH FORCES PRESSED BACK

The Afridis Forces in Rebellion in India
Causing the British Forces Much
Trouble.

Simla, Aug. 25.—It is officially an-
nounced that Fort Ali-Musjid, in Khyber
Pass, was evacuated after 11 of the garri-
son, composed of native Bhopoyas, had de-
serted. No news has been received of the
remainder of the garrison and no con-
firmation of the report of the Afridis
massacre of 800 of this force. Ali-Musjid
was taken by the enemy. Fort Khyber,
which is occupied by Afridis, is only a
tower and not of much importance.

Four thousand Afridis advanced to Lu-
karni, 19 miles from Fort Bara. General
Ellis will attempt to cut off the retreat of
the enemy.

COUNT MUTZU DEAD.

The Japanese Statesman Dies as the Re-
sult of Lung Trouble.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The Japanese
legation received a telegram announcing
the death of Count Mutzu, ex-minister of
foreign affairs and ex-minister to the
United States, died of lung trouble, from
which he has long suffered. He was one
of the most distinguished men in the his-
tory of the new Japanese movement, and
with Marquis Ito, molded the policy of
the empire and carried the country
through the war with China.

Iowa Murder Mystery.

Waverly, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Jerome Kern,
a farmer, living a few miles east of here,
was found dead in the woods today, with
a hole through his side and the clothes
burned from his body. He had been
missing since Monday morning, when he
went to the woods to hunt bees. It is
supposed he was murdered, but no motive
is known. The little money he had upon
his person was not taken.

Gold Basis for Panama.

Panama, Aug. 25.—Dispatches from
Salvador say the slump in silver has
caused such embarrassment that congress
was called in special session, and passed
the necessary measures for putting the
country on a gold basis.

Was Not the Portland.

Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 25.—The
tug sent out last night to meet the steamer
Portland returned this morning with the
information that the steamer reported
from Cape Flattery as the Portland, was
the Williamette, from Dyes.

Potato Crop in Ireland.

Skibberen, Aug. 25.—The potato crop
in north Cork and Limerick has been
partly destroyed by blight. The blight in
these districts has been the worst this
year in half a century for potatoes.

Presidential Appointment.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The president
appointed William R. Holloway, of In-
diana, consul general at St. Petersburg,
Russia.

THE UNION FOREVER

The Old Veterans of the Grand
Army of the Republic are
Cheered in Buffalo.

ILLINOIS LEADS THE COLUMN.

Comrade McKinley at the Head of the
Column—He is Cheered at
Every Point—March
at 10:30.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The day
opened with a heavy mist from Lake Erie,
but the sun soon broke through and gave
promise of a brilliant day.

Drums beating the reveille brought com-
rades from their tents. Mounted aid-de-
camps in gold lace from the national
guard of New York, are dashing around
the streets coming from the divisions to
which they have been assigned. Men,
women and children began to post them-
selves behind long wire screens that have
been spun out along the line of march
during the night, like an immense spider
web. Every moment the space grew less,
soon those who scoured first place against
the wires, began to feel the pressure of the
cheering crowds, which squeezed them
and held them prisoners for the hours the
parade would take in passing. The posts
from the department of Illinois and some
of the department of Wisconsin were early
on the march. The music and tramp of
marching feet brought the crowds to the
little detachments as they passed and the
hums of expectation grew into a roar of
excitement as the time for the moving
procession grew nearer. Excursion trains
on every line leading into the city began
to pour thousands of recruits into the al-
ready congested thoroughfares. Street
cars and excursion boats added their
quota.

Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and
staff rode from the Iroquois hotel to the
Hotel Niagara. The staff drew up in line
and General Clarkson waited upon Presi-
dent McKinley to escort him to the head
of the column. Along the way to the
point of formation the president was
cheered to the echo.
At 10:30 the command to march was
given and the procession moved. To the
music of innumerable drums and the blare
of trumpets, the Grand Army of the Re-
public, headed by the president of the
United States, took up its triumphal way
through seas of cheering humanity. The
sidewalks on each side of the main street
as far as the eye could reach was filled
with a solid mass of people. From every
window faces beamed out and the roofs of
the buildings had a population equal, if
not greater.

In the square where stood the arch of
welcome the first glimpse was caught of
the immensity of the procession. The
great tide of humanity poured out from
the narrow street as from a tunnel and
swept in a solid mass of blue and gold
beneath the arch. As the president's car-
riage passed under the arch the people on
the grand stand gave a mighty cheer.
"President McKinley," "Comrade Mc-
Kinley," "Grand Army," could be heard
in the roaring tumult.

The imposing department of Illinois,
holding the right of line, received an
ovation as it passed.
As the veteran color guard, the old
Battle-flag Battalion, passed, heads were
uncovered. On came the procession post
after post, while the head of the proces-
sion wheeled into Chippewa street, and
passed under the gaily decorated arch
erected by the colored people. Once clear
of this arch the president saw before him
a great living shield and caught the
music of 3000 young voices singing the
national anthem. As the column moved
nearer, wheeling by Delaware avenue,
human sympathy, pent up during hours
of waiting, broke out in one tumultuous
climax of enthusiasm, men, women and
children rose, waved their handkerchiefs
and flags and cheered for the Grand
Army.

At North street the last wheel in the
triumphal march was made. A few
blocks more of great mansions and cropped
lawns and the men in the advance of the
column could see the national colors that
marked the reviewing stand at the circle.

MRS. W. L. SCRUGGS DEAD.

Opened the Wrong Door and Fell from a
Moving Train.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 25.—After linger-
ing in great pain from the injuries re-
ceived in the terrible accident of which
she was the victim, Mrs. W. L. Scruggs
passed away at her residence yesterday
morning. When she fell from the rear
end of a vestibule car on the Southern
Railroad in the midst of the Unaka Moun-
tains, Saturday, August 14, and fell to

the ground bruised and broken, she re-
tained consciousness and lay there for
more than an hour in sublime resigna-
tion, awaiting the return of her husband,
whom she knew would not leave her there
alone any longer than would be required
for him to secure the means of returning
in search of her. As she lay there she
told him in a clear manner how the ac-
cident occurred. She told him how she
opened the wrong door, which had been
negligently left unfastened, and how she
saw several of the employees of the com-
pany in front of her in the vestibule of
the car before she was thrown into space
by a lurch of the train.

Mrs. Scruggs was Judith Anne, the
youngest daughter of Col. John H. S.
Potts, of Stafford county, Va. Her father
was a soldier in the war of 1812, her
grandfather having been a boy soldier in
Washington's army during the revolution.
Only a short time ago a search through
the war department at Washington was
rewarded by finding his military record,
the old family papers having been de-
stroyed during the war, when Fredericks-
burg was burned. She was a relative of
the distinguished Potts family of Pennyl-
vania, the noted railroad magnates, and
she was connected with some of the first
families of the Old Dominion.

Grand Army Problems.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Daughters
of Union Veterans have several matters of
considerable importance upon which to
act at the convention tomorrow. A resolu-
tion will be introduced asking the same
recognition from the G. A. R. that has
been accorded to the Woman's Relief
Corps. A more delicate question to settle
is the request from the departments of
Maryland and Kentucky for the forma-
tion of separate departments for white
and negro members. It is expected this
will meet strong opposition.

MARRIED HER HUSBANDS NEPHEW

Widow of Dr. J. D. Porter, Who Commit-
ted Suicide July 28, Weds.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 25.—Mrs. J.
D. Porter, whose husband, Dr. J. D. Por-
ter, killed himself in his store on July
28 last, has been married in Council
Bluffs to Harold Edgar Thomas, Dr. Por-
ter's nephew, who was a member of the
Porter family at the time. Young
Thomas is a son of General Thomas, of
Ohio, ex-president of the East Tennessee
and Virginia railway and now a law part-
ner in New York of Calvin S. Brios.

The suicide was most sensational and
one of the causes was the doctor's jealousy
of his pretty wife, who was many years
his junior. Mrs. Porter was very fond of
riding a bicycle, but the doctor objected.
She often rode out with Thomas against
the violent protests of her husband. One
evening Dr. Porter left home as usual and
the next day he was found in his store
with half a dozen bottles of arsenic beside
him. A tube connected
to a gas jet to his mouth. He was not
dead, but he died in a couple of hours.
After Porter's body was found every effort
was made to suppress the suicidal feature
of the death. Mrs. Porter was seemingly
overcome with grief and denied vehement-
ly the stories of jealousy, but they were
sustained by friends of both.

American Bar Association Meets.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 25.—The Ameri-
can Bar association met this morning
with an attendance of 300 delegates.
President J. M. Woolworth, of Omaha,
delivered an address reviewing the legisla-
tion of the past year in all the states of
the union.

Rt. Rev. G. H. Grossman Dead.

Waverly, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Rt. Rev. G.
H. Grossman, one of the founders and for
40 years the president of the Evangelical
Lutheran synod of Iowa and other states,
died last night. He was born in Germany
in 1823, and came to America in 1853.

The Englishmen Play Tennis.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 25.—W. V. Eaves
and H. A. Nesbit, the Englishmen,
played the final round in the all-amer-
ican tennis tournament today. Eaves won.
He will tomorrow play E. D. Wronn for
the championship of America.

BASE BALL.

National League.
Philadelphia 8—14, St. Louis 7—2, two
games.
Brooklyn 10, Pittsburgh 4.
Cincinnati 9, Washington 6.
Baltimore 3—5, Chicago 3—5, two
games.
Western League.
Columbus 5, Kansas City 3.
Detroit 7, Minneapolis 5.
Grand Rapids 7, St. Paul 6.
Indianapolis 3, Milwaukee 1.
How They Stand.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr. ct.
Boston	71	31	.696
Baltimore	65	33	.663
Cincinnati	62	34	.646
New York	60	37	.619
Cleveland	52	46	.591
Chicago	49	54	.476
Philadelphia	48	58	.449
Pittsburgh	43	57	.432
Louisville	44	59	.427
Brooklyn	43	58	.426
Washington	40	60	.400
St. Louis	27	73	.267

FOOD CROP SHORTAGE

The Result of an Investigation by
the Orange Judd Syndicate of
Agricultural Papers.

EUROPE IS 1,625,000,000 SHORT

Wheat Shortage 300,000,000 Bushels,
Rye, 325,000,000; Potatoes, One
Billion—Calls for Sup-
plies from Us.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 25.—The
Orange Judd syndicate of agricultural
papers, as a result of an extended investi-
gation, finds a shortage of food crops in
Great Britain and the European continent
amounting to the enormous total of 1,625,-
000,000 bushels, made up as follows:
Wheat, 300,000,000; rye, 325,000,000; po-
tatoes, 1,000,000,000.

MINE OPERATORS DETERMINED.

Will Immediately Proceed to Open the
Mines in the Pittsburgh District.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 25.—The operators of
all the coal mines of the Pittsburgh district
met today and adopted the following:
"Inasmuch as the efforts we have made
to bring the strike to an end have failed
and there is no possibility of a settlement
on lines of conciliation and arbitration,
therefore
"Resolved, We have no course left but
to continue the strike along the line that
may appear productive of the results de-
sired in the interests of miner and oper-
ator alike.
"Resolved, That we discharge all com-
mitments and adjourn sine die."

It is reported the operators will post
notices notifying the strikers that they
can return to work if they want to. If
they do not their places will be filled.

PRESIDENT KRUGER SPEAKS.

He Informs the Volksraad that the British
Suzerainty Has Ceased to Exist.

Pretoria, Aug. 25.—At a meeting of
the Volksraad today, President Kruger
delivered a speech which is likely to cause
the greatest excitement in Great Britain.
He said the relations between Great
Britain and the South African republic
was regulated by convention of 1884. He
added that in the convention of Novem-
ber, 1881, the reference to the suzerainty
of Great Britain did appear but in the
convention of 1884, not a single word ap-
peared bearing precisely upon that point
and since then the suzerainty ceased to
exist. The president's remark were
greeted with the loudest applause.

NOTED GAMBLER KILLED.

Al Hankins Met His Death Today in a
Folding Bed.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Al Hankins, the
well known sporting man, was killed to-
day by the collapse of a folding bed.
Hankins was one of the most noted of
Chicago's gambling fraternity. He was
a brother of George and Jeff Hankins.
The accident occurred this afternoon
at Cottage Grove avenue and 29th street.
Hankins had just entered the apartment
and set down on the edge of a folding bed
when unexpectedly it closed, breaking his
neck. Hankins is said to have conducted
a gambling house at the place mentioned
and the accident occurred in the rear
room.

County Court.

The following cases on the people's
docket in the county court were disposed
of by Judge Hammer today:

Charles Sparks, assault and battery,
fined \$1 and costs on three counts. Fine
to stand committed.

E. B. Lewis, petit larceny, case dismissed
for lack of prosecution.

Virgil Smith, abandonment of minor
children, pleaded not guilty and case set
for tomorrow.

Lula Wallace and Viola Johnson, dis-
orderly conduct. Pleading guilty and
case under consideration.

John Ethridge, gaming. Pleading guilty;
judgment for \$130 and costs, to stand
committed will paid.

Laura Toland, petit larceny. Pleading
guilty and fined 1 and costs and sentenced
to 10 days in the county jail.

Peter Smith, disorderly conduct, fined
\$5 and costs.

Jack Campbell, disorderly conduct;
pleading guilty and fined \$3 and costs.

Fair Tonight.

Beginning with tonight for the first
time the colored people of Decatur will
have a church fair on a very large scale,
lasting throughout the remainder of the
week. On each evening there is to be an
entire change of program. The musical
part will be par excellence, those who are
to appear as singers, performers, etc., have
been for weeks under direct instruction

SHAFER BUILDING FIRE.

The Apartments Over the Cruthers Re-
saurant on North Main Street
Badly Damaged.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Arrangements for the Event to Take Place
the Last of This Month—Prizes
to be Given.

At a meeting of the tennis tournament
promoters held last evening in the Mill-
ikin building it was decided to hold the
tournament commencing next Saturday,
August 28, and extending over the fol-
lowing Monday and Tuesday. The board
of control of the athletic association of
the Y. M. C. A. have very generously
allowed them the use of their grounds for
the tournament. The time for the entries
will expire Friday evening at 6 o'clock,
August 27, and on the evening of that
day the order of playing and the handi-
caps will be arranged in time for publica-
tion in the morning papers the day of the
tournament. It is expected that all who
have entered will give their ability so
that the proper handicap may be given.
Games are in progress upon the different
club courts in preparation for the event.
Much interest is manifested in the tourna-
ment and it will doubtless be a success.
The following prizes have been offered to
the winners:

To the winner of the "singles," one pair
of solid gold, diamond set link out but-
tons, valued at \$5.50, donated by Otto E.
Curtis and Bro.

To the winner of the "doubles," the
choice of any pair of \$5 shoes, donated by
Walter Hutob

SNAKES AS PETS.

Large Demand for King Snakes in New York City.

It may seem strange to make a pet of a snake, but it is not so strange after all when you know the particular reptile which seems to be becoming a fad in New York. It is the king snake, and it can be truly called the peacock of its species. It is most beautifully marked, sometimes in red and black stripes and again in white and black stripes. It has seldom been known to bite a human being, and yet it is a terror to all other snakes. Small as the king snake is, it never hesitates to attack another snake, no matter how large, and it is a rare case when it does not succeed in killing its enemy.

The king snake when full grown is about a foot and a half long. It is found as far north as Colorado and as far south as Texas. Those found in Colorado are marked with dull brown stripes by no means beautiful; but as you travel south you will find the king snake more and more beautifully marked, and when you reach the borders of Mexico the finest specimen of any snake in the world can be found.

They are most intelligent reptiles and can easily be domesticated. They can be fondled without the least fear, and will not attack a human being unless aroused. The king snake is most graceful in repose, and when in action its movements are like lightning.

A dealer whom I saw in Harlem has over 100 of them in stock, and he told me that he sells something like five a day. They bring all the way from two dollars to five dollars apiece.

"New Yorkers know little of snakes," said he to me, "and least of all the king snake. I received two or three of them from a friend of mine in Texas last year, and kept them as curiosities. I put them in a case in my window, and the beauty of their colors attracted many people. The majority of the people never heard of a king snake, and when I told them that the snake was not dangerous and related little incidents of their intelligence, the people were simply wild to get one. This may have started the fad for king snakes, but, at any rate, to please my customers I had to order a large stock of the snakes, and now I have more demand for them than for anything else."

"Where do the people keep the snakes?" I asked.

"Right in the house. They crawl about the floor and make themselves at home as readily as a cat or a dog. In fact, they rid the house of vermin, and no mice or rats remain anywhere near a king snake. They are perfectly harmless, and will never attack you unless, of course, you deliberately tantalize them."

"The king snake delights in feeding on mice. It can go without eating for nearly six months at a time, but when it is really hungry it will attack anything. As a result I am obliged to keep on hand a large number of mice to meet demands for them as a repast for the king snake. I am not surprised that king snakes take to this reptile so much, especially women. It is the most beautiful snake of which I know, and the most intelligent."—N. Y. Herald.

NEVER PAY CASH.

Advice of a Business Man Who Believes in Buying on Credit.

"Never pay cash for anything if you want to get commercial ratings," said a business man the other day. "Get goods on credit, even when able to pay spot cash for them, and pay the bill with promptness when it becomes due. If you do this long enough you will probably get the reputation of possessing all the money you have got trusted for, and, at any rate, will be known in business circles where you wouldn't be named if you always paid cash. A man who pays cash for everything is supposed to be doing business on small capital, while a man who gets things on credit, or what is better still, pays for them in notes, is generally believed to be operating on such a large scale that he has no ready money to spare for small deals."

"As for getting credit, it is the first step that costs, of course, but a man can begin by referring people to his landlord and the tradesmen with whom he deals, if he can do no better. If he has no accounts anywhere he must set about having them; get trust for small amounts, and you will in time get trusted for larger ones. The first requisite to wealth is not money, but credit. Get credit and you will do business amounting to an indefinite number of times your capital."

"Without dilating further on the advantages of credit, let me give you an illustration of the disadvantages of doing business on a cash basis. A country merchant I knew who had always paid cash for everything he bought (and did a correspondingly small business) determined finally to enlarge his trade, and to do this required the credit he had never before asked for. When he came to town and asked the men to whom he had always paid cash to let him have goods on time they one and all became suspicious of him and refused. The very fact that he had always paid cash made them think, when he finally asked for credit, that he wasn't a safe man to trust. Moral: Never pay cash for anything if you would avoid suspicion."—N. Y. Sun.

The Largest Oak in the World.

Two young trees, raised from its acorns, have recently been planted near the famous old oak at Crowthorne, England. The ancient tree, which is more than 50 feet in girth, and is believed to be the largest oak in existence, is so decayed that it is feared it cannot stand much longer.—N. Y. Sun.

Without Effort.

Anxious Mother—I don't understand how it is, Bertie, that you are always at the foot of your class.

Bertie—I don't understand it myself, but I know it's dreadful easy.—Boston Transcript.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

—He—"What is a crank?" She—"Why, a person with one idea." "Would you call me a crank?" "Why, no; I never gave you credit for having one idea."—Yonkers Statesman.

—"Don't you think these stripes become me?" asked the summer awning. "They ought to run crosswise," said the window, savagely. "You are nothing but a daylight robber."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—Tommy—"Paw, what is the difference between 'well' and 'good'?" Mr. Figg—"Well, I have noticed that about the only time you can be depended on to be good is when you are not feeling well."—Indianapolis Journal.

—"Well," said Mr. Cumrox, thoughtfully, "I was glad to let my daughter go to the queen's jubilee. It will make her happy for the next ten years." "Longer than that, perhaps." "No. After ten years she won't care to seem familiar with anything that happened in 1897."—Washington Star.

—Maud—"When we were out riding on our bicycles yesterday Harry put his hand on my shoulder a moment. He pretended he wanted to help me along. I made him take it away immediately." Irene—"That was right, dear." Maud—"Yes. It was the only thing to do. His hand is so large and ugly, you know."—Chicago Tribune.

—"Do you think your sister likes me, Tommy?" "Yes; she stood up for you at dinner." "Stood up for me? Was anybody saying anything against me?" "No, nothing much. Father said he thought you were rather a donkey, but sis got up and said you weren't, and told father he ought to know better than to judge a man by his looks."—Household Words.

STORY OF CHARLIE ROSS.

Death of His Father Revives Interest in the Boy's Abduction.

"Charlie" Ross, the son of a man whose death was announced in late dispatches, was abducted July 1, 1874. He and his elder brother Walter were playing in front of their home in East Washington, Lane, Germantown, when two men who passed by in a buggy offered to take them for a ride if they would walk to the top of the hill. The boys walked to the top of the hill and were taken into the wagon.

Walter wanted the men to take them to Main street and buy some fireworks, but they said they would take them to "Aunt Susie's," a fictitious person. They phoned the boys with candy while the team was driven toward Kensington. At Palmer and Richmond streets Walter was given a quarter and directed to get fireworks in a cigar store. When he returned the men and his curly-haired brother were gone. H. C. Peacock, a friend of the family, took Walter to his parents.

It was some days before anything of the nature of a clue came to the searchers. This was in the shape of a letter from the supposed abductors. It was grossly illiterate and informed Mr. Ross that the writers held the boy as securely that no earthly power could reach him, and that he would not be delivered without the payment of a big ransom. The father was warned that any attempt to recover the boy by detectives would result in the boy's instant death. The writers promised to communicate with Mr. Ross within a few days.

They wrote two days later demanding \$20,000 ransom for the return of the boy. This sum was promptly raised by friends of Mr. Ross, but the police stepped in and asked to be given the conduct of the case. This was granted, and Mayor Stokely offered a reward of \$20,000 for the arrest of the kidnapers and the return of the boy. This immense reward attracted world-wide attention.

Mr. Ross received 16 letters from the abductors during the four following months, but they were so carefully disguised that no clue could be found to the writers.

Superintendent Walling, of the New York police, found the clue that ended in fixing the crime of abduction on William Mosher and Joseph Douglass, burglars. William Westervelt, a brother-in-law of Mosher, acted as go-between in the attempted negotiations with Mr. Ross. The police of the country were looking for the two men when the residence of Judge Van Brunt, in Day Ridge, was entered by burglars on December 14, 1874. The burglars were attacked by a brother of Judge Van Brunt and several servants. One of them was shot dead and the other was mortally wounded. They were Mosher and Douglass. Mosher was dead; Douglass gasped to Mr. Van Brunt: "It's no use lying now. Mosher and I stole 'Charlie' Ross. Mosher knows all about him."

When told that his partner was dead he said:

"Then God help his poor wife and family. He knew about 'Charlie.' The child will be returned in a few days."

The boy was never returned, the supposition being that he met his death in the North river while his abductors were eluding pursuit.—N. Y. Herald.

Somebody Had Told Him.

Gently approaching to within earshot of his august mother, Albert Edgark said, as if musing aloud:

"'Cheasy lies the head that wears the crown.'"

The queen looked at him a moment before answering:

"'A wise person will never believe anything he hears.'"

And the silence was disturbed only by the beads of sweat that broke out upon the prince's brow.—Cleveland Leader.

Queer Conduct of a Kentucky Tree.

There is a very remarkable tree in the suburban part of town. It is an old locust tree, and in the driest of weather a continued shower of mist or vapor can be seen coming from its branches. A shower bath can be had beneath its foliage at any hour, day or night.—Glasgow (Ky.) Republican.

Ohio Fell in Line.

Ohio Joined All the States to the East and Is Pushing the Good Work Along.

Thousands of the Buckeye state's best citizens have been proclaiming for over twelve months in all the Ohio Daily papers, what residents of the older states to the east of Ohio had been proclaiming for years. At first it created considerable excitement and residents of each city and town became anxious and curious to know who would be the next as the testimony from representative citizens was daily published in the local papers. Week after week went by and the good people of Ohio settled down to the fact that what their neighbors said must be true; that local testimony and statements from people they knew must be reliable. It will be the same in Indiana about the preparation endorsed by Judge Clark, of London, Ohio.

What was appreciated by the public in Ohio and other states in the union; what was carefully read by the residents of every city, town and village from the Atlantic westward cannot fall in Indiana; local testimony for every place like Judge Clark's of London for London people is bound to force the result. The judge says:

"Prior to four years ago I had been slightly troubled with symptoms of inflammation of the kidneys. I attributed it to sedentary employment and paid little attention to it. Shortly afterward I was completely prostrated. I had an attack of the then prevalent epidemic, grippe, which affected my whole system. When I had in a measure recovered from the immediate consequences of my sickness I found that my kidneys had been left in a weak condition. At times the secretions were very profuse, at another scanty, high colored and distressing. Whenever the kidneys were sluggish inclined there was bloating in the limbs and severe pains across my back. It went along for years during which I suffered indescribably. Last spring, 1896, I learned from a druggist about Doan's Kidney Pills and I obtained a box and commenced their use. I immediately noticed an improved action of the kidneys and I felt elated. Altogether I used three boxes and the kidneys now act regularly and normally and my back does not pain me. I feel better than I have for years."

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Ladies' large figured Taffeta Silk Dress Skirts, Percale lining, at \$3.95 each.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Fig Syrup 35 cents a bottle at Irwin's drug store.

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The Mason County Road association is the name of a new society organized to enforce the law relative to public roads.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Mch 25-ft.

O. S. Robinette, of Gilman, has bought the George Brooke's eighty acre farm, east of that place, for \$70 per acre.

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Irwin's Celery Compound is a good nerve and blood purifier.

The favorite pianos are the Read & Son's and Haines Instruments, on sale only at the C. B. Prescott music house.

To accommodate the people attending the races, the L. D. & W. will stop their train No. 4, leaving Decatur at 10 45 p. m., on August 25 and 27 at Casner, La-Place and Lintner.

The ladies of Sharon church will give a social at the home of Jacob Troutman, four miles west of Decatur on Tuesday evening, August 31. Ice cream and cake will be served. Everybody is invited to be present.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, road wagons, and also the old reliable Peter Schuttler and Moline farm wagons.—July 19-d&w2mo

The New Firm
Will take charge of this business September 1, 1897, and from now on till the above date we will sell all tennis goods and bicycle clothing at cost, and all fishing tackle, hunting coats, base ball goods and sweaters at a reduction of 25 per cent. Don't overlook this chance. H. Mueller Gun Co. 134 E. Prairie street.—2-dimo

Brown's Business College.
Fall term opens September 1. Book-keeping, shorthand and full commercial course. Write or call at the college, Library block, for further information.—18 d1w

Cheap Excursion
To Mackinac Island on Wednesday, August 25 via I. D. & W., C. H. & D. and steamer. Rate from Decatur will be \$7 for the round trip. Tickets good 13 days to return. Take advantage of this low rate and visit the greatest resort on the lakes. For tickets and full information call at I. D. & W. ticket office.—17-d10t

The Clinton Fair
It will begin next Monday, and many Decatur people will attend. A novel feature of the fair will be an exhibition of man hunting by the two Decatur bloodhounds, owned by Bendure and Florey. There will be a great run and it is expected that every Clinton man and boy will follow the dogs over bog and fen.

Seed Wheat
Having many calls from our farmer friends for seed wheat, we have purchased several cars of choice wheat for seed purposes from southern Michigan. This wheat is called the "Pool" wheat, a long berry variety, and yielded 40 bushels per acre this year, and coming from a good wheat country and being a hardy variety we have every reason to believe it will prove very satisfactory.

We offer this wheat at \$1.10 per bushel, and invite you to call and inspect same.

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Divorce Cases.
There are now 35 divorce cases on the chancery docket for the October term of the Mason county circuit court, and there are more to follow. Yesterday Sylvia M. Fulk, wife of James A. Fulk, applied for a divorce on the ground of adultery. There is one child. W. B. Black filed the bill for the complainant. Laura A. Benefield wants a divorce from George A. Benefield. Desertion is the ground of complaint. C. M. Borchers is the attorney in the case.

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GREAT FIRST DAY.

Inauguration of the Decatur Races
at the Trotting Park—Six
Thousand People Present.

JIM SIMMONS AND LAURA T.—WINNERS

A Decatur Man Came in for Second
Money in the Trot—Two Slight
Accidents at the Track—
Harry Scanlan Starter.

The ninth annual meeting of the Decatur Trotting association was inaugurated at the race track yesterday afternoon under very favorable circumstances. It was a bright day and the attractive grounds were thronged with visitors. It was ladies day and the feminine section of the population was out in full force, filling the grand stand from end to end, being conspicuous in a myriad of vehicles in the vicinity of the timers' stand.

President Ben Taylor, Secretary Keller, Superintendent Brennenman and other officers of the association were constantly looking after the comfort of the patrons of the races, and the Goodman band played industriously and harmoniously to the finish. In the judges' stand were B. R. Thistlewood, of Cairo; J. H. Pratt, of Rome, N. Y., and C. C. Randolph, of Decatur, who served as judges; also Frank M. Patterson, the polite clerk for the association, and Harry C. Scanlan, the starter who caught cold Monday night just when he "hadn't order," and consequently was not in good voice. Usually Harry can be heard something like a mile away, but he was a little off yesterday. Over in the timers' stand were Charles P. Housum, Theron A. Powers and the veteran judge of speed, Dr. J. L. Connelly, of Harris-town, who has held the watch at every race meeting that has been held at the park. He has a clean record as a timer, never having missed a meeting. He is recognized as authority on the heats of all the horses.

Down in "Wall street" there were interesting times for those who desired to risk their judgment on results. The vendors of cigars, liquid refreshments, ham and egg sandwiches, and popcorn and peanuts had all they could do, while the lady with the canary bird drawing scheme did a land office business. The numbers were taken at so much a ticket and when all in the bunch were sold one of the half dozen canaries in the cage would jump down off its perch and with its bill flip a card out of the case, the number giving the prize to the holder of the lucky card. And then the birds were ready for another drawing act after the thoughtful lady flipped a few seeds to the bird that had drawn the card.

The Races.
The first thing on the card for the afternoon was the 3:35 pace for a purse of \$400. There were eleven starters for the money. There was lots of ginger in all the horses and every driver was on his mettle to do his best. Most Decatur people were chiefly interested in the performance of the home mare, Orpha Wilkes, by Anderson Wilkes, owned by Brennenman Bros. She won the first two heats, going the second heat in 2:16, and at the finish of the race took second money. She might have won the race but Huston did not push her. He was content to take second money. Below is the summary:

Jim Simmons, b. g., Young Jim. (Thomas) 8 5 1 1
Orpha Wilkes, b. m., Anderson Wilkes, (Huston) 1 2 4 4
Persephone, blk m., Onida. (Haynes) 2 2 3 2
Dietator Wilkes, b. g., Royal Dictator, (Graves) 4 3 4 3
Promoter, (Massey) 11 8 6 6
Alec D. (Green) 3 7 6 7
Kittie Connors, (Dickerson) 10 8 9 5
Trinket 6 4 8 6
Dea March 5 6 7 8
Nancy Russell, (Hawkins) 7 10 10
Time—2:23½, 2:16½, 2:16½, 2:18.

In the second race the result was a little uncertain at the start, but the game chestnut mare, Laura T., soon demonstrated to the talent that she was a sure winner and it was difficult to get anybody to take the field against her. She took the last three heats apparently as she pleased. The summary:

Laura T., ch m., Egalite, (Thomas) 2 1 1 1
White Pointe, (Dickerson) 1 7 5 5
Kittie Stone, blk m., Greystone, (Berry) 3 2 6 6
Venue, b. m., Edgemark, (Haywood) 6 8 2 2
Sreator Boy 5 4 4 4
Bonnie Allerton, (Myers) 4 5 8 3
Coronil, (Gardner) 7 6 7 7
Time—2:25½, 2:13½, 2:20½, 2:21½.

At the conclusion of the finished races Starter Scanlan secured the attention of the crowd and stated that although it was then after 5 o'clock the association officers had authorized him to announce that the races would continue as long as the people would stay, despite the approaching darkness—that the people would be given the worth of their money, and everybody was glad. The 2:15 pace was then called, and the fast goers were brought out for the first heat, which was all that was attempted as it was too dark after the first go to attempt any more racing with safety to the horses and the drivers. The heat was paced in 2:11½ by Flossie Delana. The race will be finished this afternoon.

Accidents.
Two slight accidents during the afternoon, but neither amounted to anything

except to cause a little fright. Nancy Russell, while starting in the third heat of the first event ruptured a blood vessel in her nostril and could not breathe about the time she was making the second turn. Hawkins pulled her down and stopped the mare. It was thought by the spectators in the grand stand that the mare had fallen, but it was soon discovered that Nancy had had a streak of bad luck and she was taken to the stall for treatment. The mare is the property of G. W. Stoner, of La Place. She is all right today.

Just before the 3:15 pace a spirited mare standing on the track near the grand stand got a little too frisky. She reared up and the first thing she knew the pneumatic tire sulky wheels had slipped under her heels and she went over squarely on her back, the surprised driver going face down on the ground. Fortunately it was an easy fall for the mare, otherwise she might have been seriously injured. The driver barely escaped being crushed by the weight of the mares. He scrambled from under her and holding on to the lines he quickly had the mare under control. It all happened in a flash. A cry of suppressed terror arose from the crowd, and then everybody laughed as they saw that there was no damage done. The driver asked for time to go to the stable for another set of harness and he had to be indulged.

In one of the races a small boy came near being struck by one of the horses going at full speed. Had he been struck there would have been a funeral today in the home of the lad and he would have ridden in the first vehicle in the cortege. Thursday, Aug. 26—Everybody's Day.

2:28 CLASS TROT. PURSE \$400.
Swain Mark, b. g., Brightmark, Com-mander, Mell Crews, Arcola, Ill.
Dove Wing, ch m., Egalite, Hamble-tonian, J. T. Montgomery, Charleston, Ill.

Robin McGregor, ch h., McGregor Boy, J. Malone, LaSalle, Ill.
Will Wayne, b. h., Wilkes Boy, Strath-more, Brennenman Bros, Decatur, Ill.

Laura T., ch m., Egalite, Little Frank, D. Thomas, Paris, Ky.
Billy Bird, b. g., Coronado, Hylas, Mc-Millan Farm, Paris, Ill.

Edna, br m., Sphinx, Nutwood, H. W. Clark, Galesburg, Ill.
Queen Almont, b. m., King Almont, Kienza, T. E. Barrett, St. Louis, Mo.

George Alex, b. g., Aberdeen, Cyclone, Doug. Thomas, Paris, Ky.
Eddie W. br m., Wilkesdale, Star Duroc, Lee Cranor, Richmond, Ind.

Coronil, ch g., Coronado, Pilot Medi-um, McMillan Farm, Paris, Ill.
Lora, b. m., Hambrino, Jersey Wilkes, R. D. Berry, Indianapolis, Ind.

Bonnie Allerton, b. m., Allerton, Sentinel Wilkes, L. B. Cape, Thornton, Ill.
Lucy Porter, b. m., Com. Porter, Little Billy, C. L. Evans, Bushnell, Ill.

Gyp Maftt, b. m., Anderson Wilkes, Corbelle, Brennenman Bros, Decatur, Ill.
Miss Logan, Buzzmont, Snip, H. B. O'Hair, Paris, Ill.

White Point, John Dickerson, Terre Haute, Ind.
Joe Kent, br h., Walsingham, Goldust, H. L. McDaniell, Illinois, Ill.

2:19 CLASS PAC. PURSE \$500.
Friedmont, b. c., Alcyon, Bourbon Wilkes, L. Green, Jr., Indiana, Ill.
Miss Silvia, blk m., L. M. Newgass, Chicago.

Charley K. M. Keighley, Tiskilwa, Ill. Charley, b. g., Don Carlos, Singler, D. Thomas, Paris, Ky.

Redwood Redmond, ch h., Redmon C. W. H. Cotter, Clinton, Mo.
Al West, Jr., Al West, Charles Caffrey, L. Spelink, St. Louis, Mo.

Callie S. Mamb, Logan, Wade Hamp-ton, L. W. Tomlinson.
Hetty G., b. m., Egg Hot, Betterton, Doug. Thomas, Paris, Ky.

Argetta, ch m., Greystone, Hambrino, R. D. Berry, Indianapolis, Ind.
Harry C., ch g., Motor, Pepper, H. H. Massey, Jacksonville, Ill.

Prewinnie, ch m., Prewinnie, Count Wilkes, G. L. Banks, Taylorville, Ill.
Sol B., ch h., Bessemer, Nelly, C. H. Hughes, Dixon, Ill.

Harry Hackett, blk h., Dan G. Arabian, M. Berry, Vandalia, Ind.
Adele Nutpine, b. m., Nutpine, Daunt-less, G. L. Banks, Taylorville, Ill.

Shepard Boy, blk h., Edgar Wilkes, Bailly Price, Danville, Ill.
Julia Sparks, br m., President Wilkes, B. W. Richmond, Armstrong, Ill.

Lulu Glasston, ch m., Glasston, C. A. McWhinney, Prairie City, Ill.
Major B. B. R. Thistlewood, Cairo, Ill.

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King Warlock, ch h., Warlock, A. P. Hanea, Peoria, Ill.

Jimmie Hague, blk g., 2:14½, L. M. Newgass, Chicago.
Bessie Wilton, blk m., 2:09½, Wilton, Ky. Prince, Jr., Doug. Thomas, Paris, Ky.

Caid, br h., 2:14½, Highwood, Don Cossack, Canton Farm, Joliet, Ill.
Dandy Jim, gr. g., 2:09½, Young Jim, Dan Lambert, J. M. Bottie, St. Louis, Mo.

Joe Wonder, b. g., Bonnie Richard s. Jas. Nelson, Spring Valley, Ill.
McW, b. h., 2:12½, Perg McGregor, Hiram Woodruff, Brennenman Bros, Decatur, Ill.

Huxham, ch h., Nest Egg, W. J. Cressy, LaGrange, Mo.
Delmont, b. h., 2:12½, Delmarch, Royal Chief, J. Smith, Galva, Ia.

Praytell, b. h., 2:12, Axtell, John Dick-erson, Terre Haute, Ind.
Dick Hubbard, 2:12, O. B. Graves.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

—Will Post is confined to his home by illness.

—Ralph Dimmick is visiting friends in Springfield this week.

—E. S. Young, of the Chicago store, is in the east buying goods.

—Attorney W. C. Outten has returned from a three weeks' visit in the west.

—Miss Sarah Imboden is visiting friends in Mowasqua this week.

—Mrs. David Patterson has gone to West Baden Ind., to stay a few weeks for her health.

—M. E. Schroeder and daughter, Miss Nell Schroeder, are home from a visit in Michigan.

—Attorney J. T. Whitley is home from Holden, Mo., where he has been visiting relatives.

—Ex-Governor R. J. Oglesby, who has been in the city for several days past, returned yesterday to his home in Elkhart.

—L. L. Haworth, who has been in the city on business, has returned to his home in Chicago.

—Rev. J. A. F. King is in Shelby county attending a meeting of the Young People's society.

—The seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lander is ill of inflammatory rheumatism at the family home on Col-lodge square.

—Miss Charlotte Capen, of Bloomington, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Young.

—Miss Blanche Shinn, who has been visiting friends in Monticello and Bloomington, has resumed her duties as office girl for Dr. O. T. Eddy.

—Frank Young, who was in the city to attend the funeral of Dr. William A. Barnes, has returned to his home in Kansas City.

—Mrs. W. B. Chamberlain and daughter, Miss Gertrude, have returned home from a visit to Indianapolis.

—Rev. A. P. Cobb and wife, of Springfield, are in the city. They are looking for a residence and may move to Decatur to make their home.

—Miss Willie Robertson, of Cleveland, Ohio, is in the city visiting friends she formerly lived in this city.

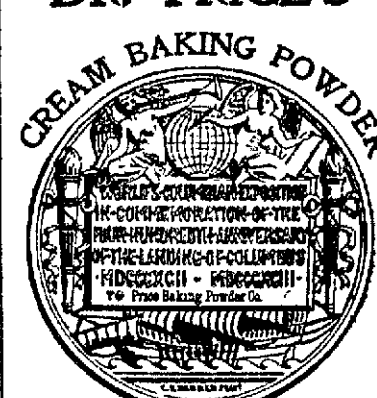
An Era of Progress.
Within the past few decades science and invention, which always go hand in hand, have made great progress; so that today there is scarcely a disease that can baffle the truly great physician, equipped with modern surgical appliances and medicinal agents. This is well illustrated in the instance of Drs. Appleman and Prottyman, the famous specialists in chronic diseases, of Chicago, whom we are fortunate enough to have among us once a month. Their marvelous success in the treatment of obscure, long standing, and so called "hopeless cases," has made for them a name and a fame of national recognition. They succeed because their entire energies and ambition are centered in the work of alleviating human suffering through modern scientific methods. Their advice is free. The reason for this is that it is only by having great numbers of cases come under their operation that they can apply and fully develop their wonderful discoveries. Their quarters at the St. Nicholas on the occasion of their next visit to Decatur, Thursday, August 26th, will doubtless be a veritable Mecca to the grievously afflicted, seeking sure and speedy relief.

Arrested for Bigamy.
A telegram from Illinois states that a few days ago John Harrington and Miss Annie Beattie of Illinois were married at that place. Now it is alleged that Harrington has a wife and several children at Warrensburg. Yesterday Harrington was arrested for bigamy and has been lodged in the Sangamon county jail pending trial.

School Opening.
A. J. Wallace has largest stock of second hand school books in the city. School books bought and exchanged. Come early for first choice. A. J. Wallace, 551 North Water street.—20-d1w

Cleveland bicycles checked free this week at the race track.

DR. PRICE'S



Above represents the official Medal awarded Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder by World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 193. The fame achieved at all the Great Fairs rests solely on its merits as the strongest purest and best of all the baking powders and truly stamps Dr. Price's as "The foremost baking powder in all the world."



Our Neighbors

Wreck.
Mr. Hornberger, of Champaign, is the guest of Willie Sawyer.
Miss Bessie Lutz called here Tuesday.
Charles Carr is delivering his corn at Wyckles.

A number from here will attend the races.
Will Leedy spent Saturday and Sunday in Maroa.

Tuesday, August 31, a church social will be held at the home of Mrs. Sade Troutman.

Dessie and Willie Sawyer have returned home after a visit of three weeks with their sister, at Storm Lake, Iowa.

Clarence Irwin and Lora Conell called here Monday.

Miss Nannie Constant left for Chicago Saturday for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. William Kay is visiting her parents at Berlin, Ill.

Will Knight and Miss Elsie Sawyer spent Sunday in Harrisburg.

Miss Gracie and Earle Majors have returned home after a visit at Lincoln, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Martin spent Sunday in Beardale.

Miss Beatrice Elliott entertained city friends Monday.

Mark and James Walker, of Windsor, Ill., are the guests of A. Y. Munson and family.

Mrs. Adam Musser was the victim of a surprise party Wednesday, which was neatly planned by her daughters.

Nautic.
Quite a large attendance is expected at the District Temperance convention to be held here Thursday and Friday of this week. Nautic talent will be well represented.

School will open here next Monday.
Mrs. Mary Lockhart is quite feeble.
Miss Pearl McElroy is visiting in Springfield.

A new saloon arrived in town just two days ahead of the W. C. T. U. convention.

A. L. Stout received a dispatch from Indianapolis Monday, announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. William Rogers, of cancer. The remains were not brought to Illinois, as the family here requested, but were interred in Indiana.

In the account of Richard Casaway's funeral given last week, his age was stated as three years. It should have been 33. Instead of Delaney Brothers it should have been Moore and Delaney, who purchased Chamberlain and Mansfield's elevator.

Misses Lucie Hall and Cora Buckles will return to Hamilton college, Lexington, Ky., in the near future.

Squire Thomas Pritchett and wife are here from Decatur.

The young people enjoyed a delightful picnic party at the river Monday, in honor of Miss Nellie Ackerman, of Decatur, who is visiting Miss Bertha Chamberlain.

Those present were: Misses Nellie Ackerman, Bertha Chamberlain, Pearl and Mabel Cusins, Lucile and Jeanie Conaghan, Blanche Danewood and Cora Buckles, Messrs. Tom Chamberlain, Robbison Cunningham, James Finson, Tot Graves, Raymond Blankinship, C. F. McElroy and Robert Ervin.

Something to Know.
It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

A second inquest and a post mortem: examination of the body of the late Rev. Silas S. Younger was held last Thursday at Bethany, near Sullivan, to discover if there was any foundation for the rumor that deceased came to his death through foul play. No evidence of violence was found.

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DOLLY MADISON.

Saved the Declaration of Independence from British Hands.

The capture, invasion and burning of our national capital by British forces under Admiral Cockburn are graphically recalled by Clifford Howard. Mr. Howard lucidly tells of the incidents leading up to the invasion, and pictures the terror and excitement of the people of Washington, who fled, shouting, screaming, jostling one another under foot, into Virginia as the enemy approached. President Madison had gone to the front, and his wife was anxiously awaiting his return, in fear for his safety. The white house attaches had nearly all deserted their posts, but Mrs. Madison had packed all her husband's papers and records, and as she was about to abandon the house betwixt herself of Gen. Washington's portrait. The heavy frame inclosing it was broken by a servant with an ax, and she removed the canvas with her own hands, keeping it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

"It was then," writes Mr. Howard, "just as she was in the act of hurrying away, that Dolly Madison was seized with an inspiration that will ever cause her name to live in the heart of every true American. She stopped to think. What if the white house should be burned? Did it contain anything of value to the government that she had neglected? The declaration of independence? In a flash she called to mind this most precious of all documents. Carefully treasured in a case apart from other papers it had been overlooked in the voracious and confusion. It must be saved at all hazards. Without a moment's hesitation she turned and rushed back into the house. 'Stop! for heaven's sake, stop!' cried her friends, vainly endeavoring to intercept her. Regardless of their commands, regardless of her danger, the brave woman sped to the room containing the treasure for which she was willing to sacrifice her life. Without attempting to open the glass door of the case she shattered the glass with her clenched hand, snatched the priceless parchment, and, waiving it exultantly above her head, hurried to the door, where she entered her carriage and was rapidly driven away in the direction of Georgetown.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Edited by Madmen.

In several English lunatic asylums journalism has been introduced among the inmates as a curative measure, and the innovation has been attended with excellent results. Some physicians declare they are indebted to their patients for hints as to the best manner of treating them. One demented person refused food and as obstinately declined to furnish any reason for his action. In a newspaper article, however, he wrote: "I desire to be buried as quickly as possible. It is a monstrous scandal that I should be compelled to drag about all over this house a dead and putrefying corpse." As soon as the bent of his weak-mindedness was discovered he received appropriate treatment and eventually recovered. Dr. Andrew Wynter in 1857 wrote of lunatics that "they are nothing if not critical," and spoke of a journal conducted at Murray's royal asylum at Perth. It is said that in perusing some of their papers a reader would fail to discover a "bee in the bonnet" of the writers.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Law of Nature.

Brown-Jones—What do you do in Texas when a couple of counties get mixed up by an earthquake or cyclone or anything like that?

Houston—Why, the one that comes out on top wins, of course, just the same as anywhere else.—N. Y. Truth.

Conflicting Evidence.

Waiter—They are not married; their orders are exactly alike.

Head Waiter—But they both order corn on the cob.—Detroit Journal.

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ROAD TO THE KLONDIKE

How the Gold Hunters Will Make Their Way to the Goldlands.

Sailing Over Seas of Snow—A Land Where Horses Are Unknown and Dogs Are Worth as Much as \$500.

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The late E. J. Glave, who first used pack horses in Alaska so recently as 1891, would be considerably astonished if he could see the development his bright idea has led up to in seven years. Every vessel which has gone to Juneau with supplies for the great Klondike mining region has carried pack horses for use in the famous Chilkat pass. Probably there are now not less than 200 or 300 pack animals on the pass, where in 1890 the appearance of these unknown equine "big dogs" filled the native breast with apprehension. Other feelings than apprehension now fill the breast of the noble redman at sight of the horses. In the old days supplies went on Indians' backs in summer. About 85 or 90 pounds made a load, and the carrier himself ate three or four pounds of food per day. Obviously, under such conditions, time was up in about 30 days at the most. Or, if the Chilkat were passed and the Indians were sent back, the stock of food was considerably diminished and the cost of the remainder almost prohibitive, for the Indians demanded two dollars a day and upward for their services.

During the present season horses have been used to pack dry groceries over the pass, while sheep and oxen have been driven over, to be slaughtered on the other side after the point of embarkation down the Yukon was reached. The difference between an Indian, who eats the food he carries, and the sheep, which lives on the grass of the short Arctic summer while sure-footedly scaling the rocks and afterward becomes meat itself, is considerably in favor of the sheep. Dry gro-



GOING THROUGH THE CHILKAT PASS.

ceries, but not live animals, owing to the prohibitive freights, can also be taken into interior Alaska by way of the Yukon river, but this route is slow and uncertain. After the middle of July, when the rush for the Klondike began, it was useless to go to the Yukon's mouth, and then, too late in the season, begin the weary 1,850 miles of up-current navigation in shallow water. Indeed, those who attempted it will probably get only as far as St. Michaels in the lower river this fall and must complete the journey in early spring—early, that is, for Alaska, say, along in May and June. If the ice forms in the Yukon late this year and the journey of those who set out is completed, it will occupy 35 or 40 days, or probably more.

The best time to go into the interior of Alaska by the Juneau river is early spring, before the ice has left the river and lakes, or the snow has melted from the pass, and after the worst of the winter is over. But the gold hunters who are now streaming over the pass have no notion of waiting until spring. The summer method of travel, after passing Chilkat with the aid of the pack horses, is to build or buy a clumsy, flat-bottomed bateau at the sawmill on the upper Lou river and row down the stream upon it, fighting off the fierce swarms of mosquitoes and avoiding constant danger from rough water on the inland lakes, where a stiff breeze can blow up whitecaps at ten minutes' notice. Lake Lindemann, Lake Bennett, Tagish and Mud lakes and particularly Lake Labarge are noted for rough water. During the last half of the journey the banks of the rivers and lakes are low and monotonous and knee-deep in mud during the short summer. Altogether, the trip by boat is exhausting and disagreeable, not the least of its disadvantages being that it lands the goldseeker at last after floating down the river from Port Selkirk to the mouth of the Klondike in camp just at the beginning of the ten-months' winter.

Chilkat pass is "mighty onerous" after September 15. There may be snowstorms at almost any time, so fierce and wild as to interrupt passage. Still later in the season it will be foolhardy for greenhorns to attempt the trip at all. But the greed of gold is a powerful incentive, and it is certain that travel inland will be continued this fall long after the usual quitting time and will be attempted in good weather in winter. And as those who participate in it will be in many cases men unused to danger and exposure it is difficult to see how loss of life is to be avoided. After the first heavy snowfalls sledges can be used to transport goods over the pass and dogs employed to drag them in a cold which would soon render pack ponies useless. When the ice has sufficiently frozen the lakes and rivers nature has prepared a perfectly smooth road for the sledges, and many miles a day may be made with the utmost ease.

On a running stream new ice is treacherous, and an involuntary bath in the October or November waters of the upper Yukon is not a thing to be greatly desired. But men who are used to it travel all winter long in the neighborhood of the Arctic circle. Circle City and other points above enjoy a mail once a month. The runners who take out and bring in letters are men inured to exposure and thoroughly acquainted with the road.

"Sledging in" is a pleasanter process in the spring than at any other time. Then, with the thermometer never very many degrees below zero, the heavy snow has filled up the rough places on the rocky pass and has become sufficiently hard to bear the sledges well. Fresh falls of snow are rather less likely than in the autumn, the days are longer and the wind generally blows from the south. At such a time the voyageur can often extemporize a sail out of a "three-point blanket" slung to a crocheted stake, pile his quarrelling, biting dogs on top of the load and go iceboating away to the north, 20 or 30 miles at a time, at a spanking, satisfactory rate. There's many a bad tip-over in this kind of progress, but it's easy and it's quick, and these are reasons that appeal powerfully to a man in a hurry for gold.

Dogs are worth from \$300 to \$500 in the neighborhood of Dawson, the new city. The supply of dogs that will stand the climate is limited and the price mounted sharply upon news of the big gold strike. Many a dog bought at such prices will be killed and eaten this coming winter on the Klondike. As by that time the poor dog will be reduced to skin and bone and will not weigh much, his meat may represent \$15 to \$25 a pound. But Klondike will be lucky if meat doesn't run even higher before spring brings in a new supply.

The new places are undoubtedly on British soil; but as the road thither, whether by the Yukon or by Chilkat pass, leads through United States terri-

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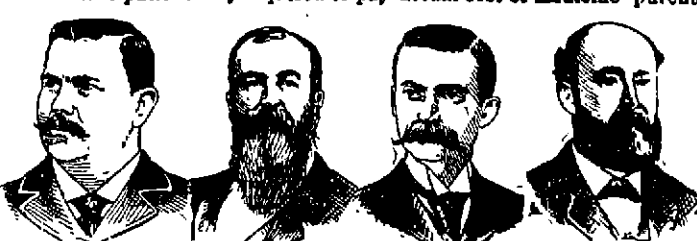
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April 28-dfr

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Association Loan Association will be held at the office of the Association, 147 Merobant street, on Monday evening, August 30, at eight o'clock. Address of the president and the transaction of such other business as may come before them.
E. W. WOOD, Secretary.
aug 10-2dfr

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Via Vandallia Line, Sept. 1, 1897.
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Vive Cameras, Opera House drug store. Trunks, 15 cents. Davis' 10 cent delivery, 564 N. Water.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Big line of second hand books at Saxton's book store.—24-d6t

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 99-d7t

Second hand school books wanted at Saxton's book store.—2-d6t

Go via Wabash to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.—23 td

Cleveland bicycles checked free this week at the race track.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—J19d-2mes

The city custom mills expect a carload of choice prairie hay the first of the week.

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Chicago excursion via Wabash R. R., Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.—23 td

Charles Graham, of Moweaqua, and Mrs. Lutz Carter, of Decatur, were married at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Justice W. H. Shorb at his office. The couple will reside at Moweaqua.

People wanting grapes for jelly can get them at G. W. Stoy's Riverside fruit farm, P. O. box 342.—tf

No change in ward school books. Come in and select what you want before the rush at Saxton's book store.—24-d6t

The Wabash will run another of their popular excursions to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.—23 td

Ed Johnson was out on Water street this forenoon displaying the accomplishments of his fine saddle mare. She has all the galts.

There promises to be good weather all week for the races. Do not forget that the bicycle contests will take place on Friday afternoon.

The Wabash and Illinois Central city ticket offices will close from 1 to 7 p. m. Friday and will be open from 7 to 9 p. m. to accommodate those who want to go to Chicago on cheap excursion.

You can leave for Chicago on \$2 excursion via Wabash at 8:45 and 11:45 a. m. Saturday, August 28, and 1:05 a. m. of Sunday, 29th. Don't miss it.—23-d1d

George W. and Chauncey M. Powers Tuesday sold their farm of 160 acres, a half mile east of Boody, to Rev. A. P. Cobb, of Springfield. The price paid was \$10,350.

On and after September 3, bulk oysters at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.

Bring in your old school books. I am buying all old school books now in use in city or county, for which I will pay cash or trade. J. Edward Saxton.—2-d 6t

The Wabash will sell tickets to Blue Mound and return, account C. P. Sunday school picnic at 60 cents round trip on Thursday, August 28.—23-d1t

Try Powers' last forever school shoes. They are the only kind that will knock out tin shoes, brickbats and old scrap iron. See them in our window. Powers' Shoe Store, Temple block.—19-d2w

If you want the best plastering done on short notice call up 538, new phone. We also have the best cement for sidewalks in the city. Decatur Hard Plaster Co.—20-d 4t

Irwin's Rook balm is a reliable cough and cold cure.

The Wabash will run a special train to Springfield on Sunday, August 29, at \$1 round trip, account the second annual reunion of C. K. of A. Special train will leave Decatur at 8:30 a. m., returning will leave Springfield 8 p. m.—23-d1d

While we are in our present location will sell our brand new school shoes, crack proof and cold skin, \$5 shoes for \$2. Ladies' finest quality tan and green shoes \$1.25. Powers' Shoe Store. Shoe store near town clock. 23 d2w

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STRIKERS HAVE A BIG TENT.

Members of the Trades and Labor Assembly Provide Funds for the Expense—Do Not Give Up the Fight.

The striking miners from out of the city who have determined they say to stay in Decatur until the local mines are closed down and all of the Decatur men are idle have grown weary of laying out on the common on the Bain place in the east end of the city a few blocks from the old coal shaft. They want shelter and some of the men found places last night at the various rooms in the building in which the Dougherty hall is located. And while they were thus snoozing the members of the Trades and Labor Assembly held a meeting and appointed a committee to provide the strikers with a big tent to be erected on the Bain place. The committee went out this morning and signed the contract for the tent, which will cost eight dollars a week. The members of the committee were E. R. Sonnanstine, W. J. Gilkeson and E. A. Winter. The tent is 40x80 feet in size and will afford shelter for a large body of men.

It is claimed by the strikers that there are 125 visiting miners in the city. The police state that the number does not exceed 80 and that they believe that many of the party are not miners at all, but are men who are strolling about the country, willing to stop anywhere pending the opening of the factories.

Constable Conrad is being criticized by the strikers because he resorted to a sobriety to get them away from his place. It is stated that he was afraid that if they remained at his place there would be danger of a fire, as most of the men were constantly smoking pipes.

The present plan of the strikers is to get as many of the Decatur miners as possible to join the union, and then wait the result of the Debs meeting at St. Louis on Monday next.

The Decatur miners are at work today as usual. There does not appear to be any disposition among the men to stop work.

THE BAND CARNIVAL.

The Largest Event of the Kind Ever Held in the City Will Take Place Next Sunday.

The band carnival which is to be given next Sunday at the Turner park, under the auspices of the Goodman band and the Turner society, will be one of the largest events of the kind which has ever taken place in the city. Besides the city people there will be many here from out of town. Six excursions will be run to Decatur, from Elmhurst, St. Louis and Lafayette, over the Wabash, from Olney and Peoria, over the P. D. & E., and from Terre Haute over the Vandalla. Besides the Goodman band there will be bands here from Peoria, Terre Haute, Pekin, Clinton, Monticello, Arthur and Mt. Olive. The Goodman band will meet the visitors at the depot in the forenoon and when they have all arrived they will march to the central park of the city, all playing as one band. They will come up Eldorado street to Water, go south on Water to Main street and then west to Lincoln square. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the bands will play at the square and then will go to the Turner park, where the exercises will begin at 2 o'clock.

There will be a selection by all of the bands together and then each band will play separately, so that there will be music all afternoon and evening. Every preparation will be made for the comfort and pleasure of those who visit the park. No roughs will be allowed to enter and perfect order will be preserved so that it will be proper for ladies to attend. At night the place will be illuminated with 12 arc lights, besides those already in the place. An admission of 10 cents will be charged at the gate.

OLD SETTLERS' MEETING.

It Will Begin at Riverside Park Tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The annual reunion of the Macon County Old Settlers' association will be held at Riverside park tomorrow. The exercises will begin at 10 a. m. This will be the program of exercises for the day:

Forenoon—10 o'clock.

Singing—Coronation.

Prayer—Rev. W. L. Bankson.

Singing, Welcome Solo—T. A. Pritchett.

Address of Welcome—W. T. Moffett.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Address—Rev. W. E. Gilmore.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Afternoon.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Remembrances of Old Settlers.

Singing—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

Singing, "God Be with You"—Led by Old People's Chorus.

Benediction.

Ample provision has been made for the hitching of horses at the park. Everybody is invited to bring their baskets well filled.

Woodmen at Boody.

A big picnic is in progress today at the Smith grove at Boody. It is an all day affair, with hundreds of people present. The principal address was delivered by Attorney W. H. Black, of this city. The singing by the Decatur Boys' Glee club was a great feature of the platform exercises. The members of the club are Charles Hill, Bert McIntyre, Eugene Wilson and Garry McGuire. Their selections include "Grandfather's Clock," "Tag, You're It," "There's a Hole in the Toe," "Was His Only Playmate," "Only a Faded Picture" and "Way Down Yonder in the Cornfield."

BICYCLE RACES.

Five Great Wheel Events for Friday, Decatur Day.

SOME VERY FAST RIDERS ENTERED

Including H. H. Dronberger of Terre Haute; E. W. Peabody, of Chicago; F. R. Hattersley, of St. Louis, and "Kid" Thompson of Danville.

'Friday, Decatur Day, promises to be one of the "warmest" bicycle days for local enthusiasts that they have ever gone up against. The events are five in number, the entry lists are large in every case and the rider will have to be "afeeter" who carries off the first prize.

Among the riders from a distance that will compete are E. W. Peabody of Chicago, who is the greatest amateur rider in the world today and who is at present trying to beat Zimmerman's record of 101 fives in a season; H. H. Dronberger of Terre Haute, state champion of Indiana; F. R. Hattersley, of St. Louis, state champion of Missouri; "Kid" Thompson of Danville, one of the coming lights, William Timm, of Rowell, B. W. Drum of Cerro Gordo, C. W. Richards of Urbana, F. E. Thompson of Canton, A. P. Stone of Terre Haute, G. R. Hanson of Urbana, W. W. Stone and George T. McGarity of Mason City, Karl Mull of Bloomington, C. E. Pease of Cicero, A. J. Meser of Springfield, C. E. Johnson of Champaign, H. Campbell of Pontiac and a score or more Decatur riders, notable among whom are L. E. Rogers, E. L. Birks, Billy Murray, F. P. Ford, Bry. Vail, A. W. Diller, Guy Conkline and Earl Walmley. The entries in the different events are as follows:

One quarter mile open—18.

One mile handicap—23.

One mile open—17.

Five mile handicap—17.

As will be seen by the above the list is as large as in any race ever pulled off here and some fast time is expected.

The handlocking committees will report on their work tonight and the result will be published tomorrow morning.

CIRCUS AT THE PARK.

Free for All Who Go Down on the Street Cars Next Thursday.

Arrangements have been completed by Manager Ferguson, of the street car company, for the appearance of the Norton & Jones circus and vaudeville show on the open space just outside the fence at Riverside park on Thursday next, August 26.

It is one of the finest tent shows traveling and will afford splendid entertainment for all who attend. Performance afternoon and night. All who go down on the street cars and pay 10 cents for a round trip ticket on the cars will receive a free ticket to the show. Don't fail to see the big circus show.—24d3t

Last night the Misses Cora and Lida Martin, at their home in Riverside park entertained a company of friends in a very delightful manner, assisted by Mrs. Asa Somerville and Miss Stamper.

There was dancing, parlor foot ball and other games. The party was given in honor of Harry Churchman and Parker Hitt, of Indianapolis. Refreshments were served. The guests were Harry Churchman, Parker Hitt, Foster Waltz, Mr. Baldwin, Edward Wilson, Rodger Williams, Cecil Jack, James Johnson, Dean Cool, Misses Gusie Gorin, Ada Johnson, Sadie Dean and Jessie Meriwether.

Mrs. Maffie Better.

Mrs. D. A. Maffie, who has been seriously ill at Harbor Springs, Mich., where she went to spend the summer, is some better. Word was received here this morning to that effect. Mr. Maffie is now with his wife and he will bring her home some time during the next week.

Diphtheria.

A case of diphtheria was reported to the police this morning. It is located at 855 West Main street. The usual precautions will be taken to prevent a spread of the contagious disease. It has been a long time since such a report has been presented at the health office.

Cheap Excursion Dayton and Cincinnati.

The I. D. & W. will sell cheap excursion tickets to Cincinnati and Dayton on train leaving Decatur at 10:45 of Thursday, August 26 and train 11:25 a. m. Tickets \$5 round trip with a limit of ten days.

Fall Term Opens.

At Brown's Business College Wednesday, September 1. Interested persons should write for the new handbook, or call at the college for full particulars.—18-d1w

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This evening Miss Gusie Gorin will give a six handed euchre party at her home on Prairie avenue in honor of Miss Margaret Pratt, of Chicago.

The gentlemen who came to Decatur with the remains of Conductor Charles Hershey left for Chillicothe this afternoon.

HOW HE WAS KILLED.

Funeral of the Late Conductor Charles Hershey from the Home of His Mother.

The remains of the late Charles Hershey, who was accidentally killed in Knox county last Monday morning while on a freight train on the Santa Fe railroad, arrived